



FUTURE OF HUNT CLUB RACING

Amateur Sportsmen Keenly Answered Call of Their Country.

Great Demand for Horses—Amateur and Professional Riders Scarce.

(By Frank J. Bryan, Hunts Committee.)

The practical suspension of hunt race meetings during the last two summers can be explained with a brief slogan, which has told and will tell for all time the cause: "Hunt was put aside for khaki."

With the first call that came from Washington, telling that the hour had arrived for our men to do their part in crushing the enemy of the world's decency, thought of self, of pleasures or pastimes was simply secondary, if not forgotten entirely.

SPORTSMEN ANSWERED COUNTRY'S CALL.

In every branch of the service they have been doing their bit with all the spirit and vim that was evident in their connection with racing.

Even now plans are under way to provide for the coming year: meetings at Piping Rock, Belmont Park Terminal, Meadow Brook, Rockaway, Brookline, White Marsh, Rose Tree, Warrenton, Rumson, Penpack, in Maryland, and at other points where hunt racing has been an established fixture.

DEMAND FOR HORSES WILL BE GREAT.

With the return of opportunities there is certain to be a great demand for horses, which means a busy market during the winter months.

This seems to bespeak great sport to come, in fact, the future of amateur racing (as it is still styled despite the great merit already established) looks more promising than ever in its history.

Early in January the masters of foxhounds in the several states will meet and elect for the ensuing year their representatives on the hunts committee of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association, the governing power of amateur racing.

Most serious of the problems to be taken up seems to be that of finding material for the steeplechases that will be run. The records for 1918 will show a marked reduction in the number of horses devoted to this branch of the sport, the shortage being entirely due to the fact that so many owners were away actively engaged in war work.

Those that love sport will find a way, and so it will be with the devotees of hunt racing.

IRON DUKE'S RACING CHARGER

Copenhagen Carried Hero of Waterloo When Not in Track Contests.

It is quite probable that if the British Army of Occupation makes a lengthy stay on the Rhine there will be a call for smart geldings to win regimental races, got up in the sporting spirit that is carried everywhere by British troops.

The Duke of Rutland's Mornus defeated him in a third match run during the first spring meeting, but at Huntingdon in August he won a sweepstake run over two miles. In this race there was a selling of the United Kingdom depended on second to Mr. Price's Floardo (by Wax) for the Midlands Stakes.

Probably Captain Hyerly had an eye on sporting issues when he took the celebrated Turkish horse bearing his name over to Ireland as his charger in King William III's campaign in 1690.

STALLIONS' AGES SHOW HIGH AVERAGE

In Miss F. M. Prior's English "Register of Thoroughbred Stallions" there appears the obituary of stallions since the publication of the previous volume four years ago. The deaths of ninety-two stallions during that period are recorded, of which Crankenthorpe (the last of the sons of Hermit) died last year at the ripe age of thirty years.

be appreciated, for the real, the only pleasure the owners of steeplechasers get, is to see their colors in a race.

This means that before spring rolls around old stables must be reinforced and new ones provided with horses of merit. It takes time to make a jumper, and this is thoroughly appreciated by those interested, for, with the signing of the armistice and the knowing that there would soon be a chance to take up things normal again, came a marked demand for prospective jumpers.

One of the hopeful signs is the number of three-year-olds that were shown this fall. Experts were of the opinion that not in years have so many of quality been out, and the few races that were provided for them proved in some instances that they were up to the mark.

AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL RIDERS.

The question of riders, both gentlemen and professional, calls for serious consideration. The ranks of both have been depleted by both death and wounds among those that gave their services to their country. There has been little chance to refill the ranks reduced by the death of young men; still the problem is certain to be solved by the attention given to the gentleman riders, the older men will be found again wearing silks; but this will not be a serious drawback, as many of them are clever horsemen, with plenty of experience as race riders.

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RULES FOR FAIR GROUNDS RACING

Business Men's Association to Make Them More Stringent Than Ever Before.

NEW ORLEANS, La., December 25.—The majority of the better grade horses now at the Fair Grounds will be ready for the meeting, which opens on New Year's Day. They have not started at Jefferson Park principally because of the bad condition of that track due to unusually inclement weather that prevailed since Thanksgiving Day.

The Business Men's Racing Association, in its efforts to preserve its reputation for conducting clean racing, will have, if possible, more stringent rules than have prevailed at its previous meetings. It has taken the broad stand that persons who for any cause have made themselves undesirable at tracks under the jurisdiction of reputable clubs or associations should be considered undesirable here until they have secured a clean bill of health from the association making the ruling.

Another important regulation is this: "Any person who as owner, agent, employe or in any other capacity whatever participates in any or all betting carried on within the grounds of the Business Men's Racing Association will not be permitted to race any horses on such grounds or have employment in any capacity with any racing stable." This rule will be strictly enforced, and severe penalties visited on those who violate it.

Trainer Coffey, who was responsible for the expose and who terminated his connection with the Chancellor stable immediately after the Marasmus race, will insist on the sale of Old Broom, in which he owns a half interest, as speedily as possible.

TURF DEEDS OF A POPULAR RACE MARE

Few people conversant with Chicago racing of the World's Fair year have forgotten Maid Marian. She was a great favorite locally and one of the stars that gave Chris Smith his brief high tide of prosperity. Her speed was of the highest order, and when the occasion arrived she demonstrated that she could stay fast as well as run fast.

Maid Marian was a high-class three-year-old. She won the Milldale Stakes at Latonia from The Scouter, Gascon, Almy, Linger and Quiver, and the Merchants' Stakes from Yo Tambien, Newton and Miss Dixie. At Washington Park she won four purse races, in which she defeated, among others, Ida Pickwick, Diablo, Buck McLean, Santa Anna and Guido, all crackcrackjacks. She ran third to Helen Nichols and Dora Vela for the Queen Isabella Stakes, and was second to Morello in the most sensational Wheeler Handicap ever run.

Table with columns: Year, Age, Srs., 1st, 2d, 3d, Unp. Won. Rows for 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, and Total (4).

WISE MAN WINS CHRISTMAS HANDICAP

Cuban-Owned Racer First in Oriental Park Feature—Record Attendance Sees Sport.

HAVANA, Cuba, December 25.—A record attendance turned out at Oriental Park this afternoon. It was an ideal day for outdoor sport and the holiday race-goers took advantage of it. The Cuban-owned Armonia Stable furnished the winner of the afternoon's feature event, the Christmas Handicap, when Wise Man led his opponents from start to finish and won in a canter by seven lengths. Daddy's Choice was second and Hocinir third. Faux-Col was away on the outside at the start, but immediately tripped. This ruined whatever chance he might have had.

The program was the best that has been offered during the present season. An additional attraction was the Handicap De Navidad, a three-quarter-mile dash, in which F. D. Weir's Belle Roberts won by a wide margin, and incidentally marked up a double win for Weir, as Tetley captured the first race. Sir Wellons was five lengths back at the finish and two lengths in front of Rafferty.

FATE PLAYS FUNNY PRANKS

Instances of Some Men's Luck in Winning Wagers.

Successful Tips on Racers Handed Out Under Unusual Circumstances.

(By Frank J. Bryan, Hunts Committee.)

NEW YORK, N. Y., December 25.—"Fate plays some funny pranks," said an old turfman while discussing on his favorite topic, horses and racing; "but I never saw it illustrated better than in the late '70s, when I was doing the western racing circuits with a couple of smart trotters, a quarter horse of more than ordinary quality and a simon-pure thoroughbred that could run heats at a mile, two miles or even four miles if there was money in sight."

"We had been through Michigan and had won some pretty good bets on one of our trotters and when we camped at Cleveland we thought that Ohio would be as kind as Michigan, as our horses were all ready and they were better than they had shown at Detroit and Jackson. Among the first men we met in Cleveland was a friend of John D. Rockefeller's, who was smooth enough for flash company on any track when it came to getting the money."

"So we drove there the two weeks we were there. We won some races and the stable keeper was in on everything we had. When it came time to pack up and depart for Buffalo and the east we were handed a bill that made us sit up and take notice. We had been charged more than the usual fee every time we drove one of the horses, and if we had fed our men downtown at one of the fashionable places we couldn't have been set back much more. I was particularly hot under the collar and carried the bill to the old fellow."

"How about this bill?" I demanded. "Why, it's all right, isn't it?" was his reply after scanning it through his glasses first and then scrutinizing me over the top of them. "I gulped down my wrath, but then and there made a mental vow to square things sooner or later. Well, Buffalo passed, and we skinned over to Saratoga to take part in an engagement in which our thoroughbred was entered. There was an old trotting horse acquaintance of mine who hunted me up soon after my arrival and eagerly sought my opinion of the races. I was playing mighty lucky, and a few days afterward when a particularly good thing at long odds had won my acquaintance remarked: "Old Tom must be a pretty good winner on all the good things I've sent him since you came to town."

"Old Tom. What Old Tom?" I asked, smelling a mouse at once, for my man was from Cleveland also. "Why, Old Tom—" remarked the trotting horse driver. "It was my dear old friend the livery man, all right, and I had hard work to keep from laughing in his face. It was so easy to see what was going to happen to Old Tom. I thought that the fates were very kind to me the very next day, when my acquaintance said he had to go up the state for a couple of days and would I send a few good things to Cleveland in his name?"

PLAN TO MAKE OLD TOM SQUIRM.

"Would I? I would be delighted, and I set my plans to make Old Tom squirm. There was a heat race on for the next day and when the entries came out I began operations. "There was a cipher code that would suit my requirements and I doped out the information that there was going to be something doing in this event and that I would wire him bets that night. On paper it looked like a cinch for a real smart horse called Mecca, but about ten o'clock I wired my man that the race had been fixed for Big Sandy and for him to put down a chunk of money on that horse. Early next morning I made it stronger, and just before the horses went to the post I shot another tip to him saying that it was as good as in."

"Well, Mecca won the first heat in a walk, and having started a red-hot favorite, the odds shortened up for fair. Old Tom was in the poolroom at Cleveland and he wired me anxiously saying that the race looked queer to him considering my information. I sent another hot line saying never to stop, and what do you think happened? Nothing but this: Mecca broke down and Big Sandy won the heat in a trot, as our English cousins would say. "He won the next heat, too, and I was mad enough to bite a nail in two. Here was my man delivered into my hands with the conditions made to order, and in steps Fate and upsets my game. "Some men are born to have money, and Old Tom was one of them. I gave up trying to square accounts with him after that. To this day my trotting horse acquaintances regard my picking of Big Sandy as the crowning effort of my tipping career. Old Tom is dead long since, and perhaps the other men will learn the truth some time."

"That reminds me of something that happened to Dave Pulsifer at old Monmouth Park twenty years ago," remarked a listener. "There was an awful bore who annoyed Pulsifer. "Dave was having a big run of luck about that time, winning race after race with Rapine, Grimaldi and other horses in his stable. These horses were much better than people generally supposed and they were ridden by an unfashionable jockey named Goodale. "This fellow I'm speaking about met Dave one day through a friend, and for a long time he bothered him much. Every day found the bore waiting to have his card marked, and finally Pulsifer determined to stop the nuisance. Accordingly he put a cross opposite the name of a filly named Lackawanna and told the man that she could not lose and to play her to the limit. "In the race in question Pulsifer bet a couple of thousand on the favorite, and he was talking with his trainer, Donovan, at the conclusion of the race."

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Table of race results for GREAT GULL, KINIG TROVATO, ATTORNEY MUIR, GUS SCHEER, FUSTY BOOTS, FLYING DART, WEINLAND, and J. B. HARRELL. Includes race numbers, horse names, jockeys, and times.

Table of race results for POINT TO POINT, SENATOR JAMES, BULGER, LUCKY PEARL, and JOJAM. Includes race numbers, horse names, jockeys, and times.

Table of race results for THE DUKE, CAPT. MARCHMONT, and DON THERUSH. Includes race numbers, horse names, jockeys, and times.

Table of race results for NEPHTHYA, DON THERUSH, and CAPT. MARCHMONT. Includes race numbers, horse names, jockeys, and times.

Table of race results for MAXIM'S CHOICE, PRIME MOVER, and CADENZA. Includes race numbers, horse names, jockeys, and times.

Table of race results for CLARK M., MARY'S BEAU, and PREMIUM. Includes race numbers, horse names, jockeys, and times.

Table of race results for LACKROSE, HELEN ATKIN, and TOY MISS. Includes race numbers, horse names, jockeys, and times.

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Table of Jockey Percentages for Jefferson Park, listing jockey names and their win percentages.



DARTWORTH, ch. g. 10. 4751 Jcf'son 3-4 1:20 hvy 10 115 2 3 3

By Stalwart-Dominic Nels. (G. H. Franzen). 24 37 W J O'B'n 8 General Handful, Blue Rock

IN THE WOOD WITH DEER. Habits and Lives of the Noble Denizens of the Forest.

lined till the softer weather that heralded the coming of spring brought the breakup of winter.

SIXTH RACE-1 Mile and 70 Yards. 3-year-olds and upward. Claiming. (Dec. 31, 1917-1:45-3-108.)

By The Commoner-Brief (J. Rabito). 23 1b H Cassidy 6 Harwood, Yermak, Flora Finch

How They Winter Under Their Chief's Care-Defense Against Their Enemies.

WAITING HIDDEN FOR GOOD SEASON. Irregular, and wandering on without definite aim.

MARGERY, ch. m. 5. 4678 Jcf'son 3-4 1:21 hvy 4 106 3 4 4

By King James-Marjoram (J. Arthur). 34 1a J Rod'ez 6 Parlor Boy, Dr. Campbell, Best

HOW THE DEER LIVES AND MOVES. Morning, when it came, found the snow crisscrossed

DEFENSIVE BATTLE WITH COYOTE. Then suddenly along their back trail broke out

TRANSPORTATION, b. g. 7. 4674 Jcf'son 3-4 1:21 hvy 12 108 7 6 6

By Fitz Herbert-Irish Eyes (J. C. Milan). 41 48 M Buxton 7 Sosius, Tze-Lsi, Medusa

HORNS MARK OF MALE SUPREMACY. Toward the end of the year the big buck shed

Then the leading doe mistook her trail, turning off again to follow a smaller branch trail.

HARWOOD, ch. g. 7. 4674 Jcf'son 3-4 1:21 hvy 12 108 7 6 6

By Fronteno-Poetic (W. Walker). 51 51 F Rob'son 6 T'portation, B.F. O'rite, M.F. Annie

WINTER CARE OF DEER FAMILY. As the depth of the snow increased the big buck

SCOTCH SALMON AUTUMN CATCHES. Scarcity of fish and hard frosts have made many

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when he was almost knocked down by the bore, whose hands were full of winning tickets on Lackawanna

nents in the Lawnview were two such splendid performers as Richmond, owned by the Dwyers, and Favor

Even the slinking coyote, the poor relation of the wolf, will take his toll, though they usually kill

As the big buck reached the point where the doe had left the trail he whirled round suddenly, and only just in time, for the coyote could almost reach